

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 remain in the present application. Claims 1 and 4 are amended herein. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added as a result of the claim amendments. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections based on these amendment and the remarks set forth below.

Regarding Examiner's comment at Paragraph 4 of the office action, claims 21-25 are to remain dependent on claim 17.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-4, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by United States Patent Number 6,933,446 to Waldorf (referred to herein as "Waldorf"). As noted by the examiner, while Waldorf discloses a pair of electrodes, "the electrodes electrically insulated from each other..." these electrodes are not mounted to an aircraft nor does Waldorf teach or envisage mounting the electrodes to an aircraft.

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner's comment at paragraph 12. Of the office action states claim 1 to be allowable if claim 1 is amended such that "mountable upon an outer surface of the aircraft" is amended to "mounted to an outer surface of an aircraft".

Applicant has made such an amendment and respectfully submits that claim 1 is now in order for allowance.

Applicant also respectfully submits dependant claims 5-13, 15, 17 and 21-25 are allowable at least for the reasons noted above.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-26 are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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